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1. According to a report from El Salvador, the Nicaraguan Opposition is split into three groups: one is headed by General Emiliano Chamorro, the second by Toribio Tijerino, and the third by the Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee which aided Jose Figueres in the Costa Rican revolt.

2. Of the three, General Chamorro's Conservative Party is the largest numerically and the richest financially. A report from Nicaragua states that Chamorro's group possesses the following arms: 300 rifles, 18 machine guns and some automatic rifles acquired almost a year ago.

3. Toribio Tijerino's group consists of few supporters. Although Tijerino works at times with Chamorro, they are reported to be bitter personal enemies. Tijerino, probably with Chamorro's knowledge and perhaps with some assistance from him, is reported to be organizing opposition forces within Nicaragua.

4. The Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee is a group of Conservatives and Liberals. The Committee forms a kind of action front representing the Frente Pro-Liberdad de Nicaragua. This group consists of Nicaraguan exiles, who, for the most part, are in Guatemala. Carlos Castillo Ibarra, who is in El Salvador, and many of the younger conservatives are reported to disagree with General Chamorro for practical rather than personal reasons. They believe that Chamorro is a man of the past who will be incapable of leading Nicaragua in the post-Somoza period. Ibarra and Tijerino have also disagreed with Chamorro on the best way to fight Somoza and for the past year have relied on the Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee, which jumped at the chance of aiding the Costa Rican Opposition in the hopes of obtaining a base from which to attack Somoza.

5. The opposition within Nicaragua, it is reported, does not give any importance to either the Tijerino group or the Patriotic Nicaraguan Committee group. They feel that although Chamorro may be cooperating with the two groups at times, Chamorro is the main force and it is he who has been supplying the victorious Costa Rican Opposition with arms. This unsupported conviction presupposes an agreement through which Chamorro will be able to use the Costa Rican Opposition arms for the drive against Somoza.

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